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[54] **COLON TARGETED DELIVERY SYSTEM**

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[57] **ABSTRACT**

A novel delivery system for targeting drugs to the colon is herein described. The system is a tablet comprised of three parts: 1) an outer enteric coating, 2) an inner semi-permeable polymer membrane containing a plasticizer and 3) a central core comprising swelling excipients and an active ingredient. The novel dosage form described herein will release the drug consistently in the colon by a time-dependent explosion mechanism.

This delivery system is particularly suitable for delivering viral protease inhibitors to the colon.

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